




JUST FOR
PARENTS:
SUPPORTING
YOUNG
WRITERS



SUBMIT YOUR
WRITING
FOR PUBLICATION
IN THE NEXT
EDITION OF OUR
NEWSLETTER!



OUR NEXT MEETING
IS DECEMBER 6TH:
11AM-1PM
1-2PM OPTIONAL

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WNY Young Writers' *studio*

Gifting Others With Our Writing

As the holiday season comes upon us, our thoughts often turn to those we care about most and the presents that we're eager to give them. The purpose of our October session was to provide writers the time and space to brainstorm and begin drafting a unique type of gift: a piece of writing, created especially for someone they love.

I hope that all writers have found the time to revisit this work in the days since and that they will return to our December session ready to share and participate in peer review. If anyone requires help or added support between now and then, don't hesitate to email me or to post some of your work on our wikispace so that other writers may

coach you a bit. I'm including the directions for posting to the wiki in this mailing. If you are unable to post your work yourself, you may email it to me, and I will post it for you!

There are other surprises in store for you at our December session as well! **If you are unable to attend, please let me know by emailing me at stockmanangela@gmail.com or by calling me at 873-4739.**

See you soon!
Mrs. Stockman



Sarah Hanson is collecting donations for the International Institute of Buffalo's Refugee Resettlement Department. Please consider helping Sarah by bringing any of the following items to our December session. I have promised her that I will deliver them to the Institute during the week following our session:

SOAP*SHAMPOO*TOOTHBRUSHES*
TOOTHPASTE*LOTION

SUBMIT YOUR WORK

If you would like to see your work included in the next issue of the WNY Young Writers' Studio newsletter, please submit your piece via email to stockmanangela@gmail.com. I will print all forms of writing, but space is limited and work must be polished!

The deadline for inclusion in the January newsletter is December 15th, so get writing!
I'm looking forward to publishing your work right here in our community newsletter.

Supporting Young Writers:

"As a writing teacher, it is my experience that if I praise a student's strengths, the weaknesses eventually fall away. If I focus too much on the weaknesses, the strengths, too, may wobble and vanish. A young writer is like a young horse. The basic gait must be developed before too much perfection is required. Just as we would not give over a valuable young horse to just anybody to train, we must not give over our work to just anybody to critique. We must write from love and we must choose those to read us who read from love: the love of words. When we write from fear of criticism, we hamper our stride, and we cripple our voice."

Julia Cameron, author of *The Writer's Life*

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Autumn Breeze

It is as silent as a wish here.
Whispers tumble through
forgotten forts,
Mist swirls around mossy carpets.
The soldiers stand proud
Tall and elegant in the setting sun
Garbed in their brilliant scarlet, rust
and emerald jewels.
The sky is still so blue
So peaceful
With tendrils of sun creeping through
skyscrapers of foliage.

It is an autumn day,
So mysterious,
So whimsical
The moon peeks on the other side of
the sky
Promising a gentle night
Cool and pristine.

A lone leaf tumbles from
the peaceful sky
A whisper of a hope, a dream, a
wish, a prayer...
The forest is silent once more.

Sarah Hanson

The Teachers of the WNY Young Writers' Studio

We are fortunate to have teachers from a variety of school districts joining us at each of our sessions! These teachers are eager to learn more about good writing and how to support the young writers that they work with. They also provide me feedback as I'm leading our sessions, and this helps me help YOU better.

Please feel free to invite YOUR teachers to our sessions. There is no fee for teachers to participate, and in many cases, they may even earn professional development credit for doing so.



Looking Forward:

This spring, all of the writers of the WNY Young Writers' Studio and the students of the teachers who are joining us will be invited to share their work during an evening open mic session!

We're currently exploring different venues for this event, which will be open to friends and family members as well. Think about what you might want to share on this special evening and look forward to gathering more details about this in the months to come!